City of Pierre Comprehensive Plan







CITY RESOLUTION NO. 2398 COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2008-28

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2008 CITY OF PIERRE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Pierre has utilized a general development master plan as a tool for orderly growth and development since 1967, and

WHEREAS, this general development plan, updated in 1997, cannot be static and must change with economic conditions, needs, desires of the citizens and external factors, in order to promote and enhance the orderly growth and development of the City of Pierre and surrounding area, and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee recommended approval on September 5, 2007, and the Joint City/County Planning Commission recommended approval on November 3, 2008, of the 2008 City of Pierre Comprehensive Plan which shows the recommendations for the physical development of the city and joint planning area, including geophysical, socioeconomic, transportation, land use, utilities, parks, recreation, public facilities, natural resources, housing, intergovernmental relations, goals, objectives, policies and implementation, and

WHEREAS, comprehensive planning for the area beyond the City of Pierre extending a distance not exceeding three miles from the municipal corporate limits has and continues on a joint basis between the City of Pierre and Hughes County,

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Pierre and Hughes County, that the 2008 City of Pierre Comprehensive Plan is hereby adopted with said plan to supersede the 1997 City of Pierre Comprehensive Plan. Said plan shall be on file in the City Finance/Manager's Office and is available for public inspection by any interested parties.

Dated this 16th day of December 2008.

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Introduction

The Pierre Comprehensive Plan provides a strategic long-term vision; basic goals and policies; and recommendations to help guide the City's future growth and development. The Comprehensive Plan represents a focus on planning thought and effort - an attempt to identify and analyze the complex forces, relationships, and dynamics of growth in order that they can be shaped and directed in accordance with recognized community goals and aspirations. It is a realistic appraisal of what the community is now, a normative and futuristic blueprint of what the community wants to be, and a set of guidelines for achieving community desires.

The Comprehensive Plan is the policy document for the physical and economic growth and redevelopment of the City. As such, the plan influences policy decisions in a broad variety of areas, including, but not limited to the following:

- Land use
- Transportation
- Infrastructure and utilities
- Drainage
- Natural and cultural resources
- Urban reinvestment
- Recreation and open space
- Housing.

When adopted, the Comprehensive Plan will be one of the primary tools used by City agencies, the City and Planning Commissions, and other policy bodies to make decisions about the location of land uses and community facilities, priorities for public investment and the extension of public services, business development, and how to meet transportation needs.

Comprehensive planning is also a continuous process and the development of the Plan should be viewed as a dynamic process. Formulation of this text and maps is not the ultimate objective; rather the use of the Plan is what is important. Further, a Comprehensive Plan is only as good as the measures used to implement the plan.

No single document can pose solutions to all community needs, and the Comprehensive Plan must be a flexible, continuous and changing activity that is periodically updated based on changing conditions, the shifting of resources, and the alteration of goals. As such, the City's first General Development Plan was adopted in 1967 and subsequently updated in 1984 and 1997. This latest version of the City's Comprehensive Plan will not only update the City's profile and reevaluate the City's goals and objectives, but will also develop the necessary information to help implement the long term vision for the City. The planning period for this document extends to 2020.